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			EPO; JPO;	
			DERWENT;	
			IBM TDB	

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TITLE:

Process for the production of conductive layers

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#### ABSTRACT:

A process for the production of a conductive layer on a substrate, said conductive layer comprising a network of crystal needles of conductive radical cation salts based on tetrathiotetracenes, tetraselenotetracenes or tetratellurotetracenes and chlorine, bromine, iodine or copper dichloride, and said network is embedded in a polymer matrix, by coating at least one side of said substrate with a) a suspension of crystal needles of the radical cation salts of formula I in an inch solvent which may additionally contain a thermoplastic polymer or at least one starting compound for a thermosetting polymer, or b) a solution (b1) of a tetrathiotetracene, tetraselenotetracene or tetratellurotetracene, (b2) of a monomeric, oligomeric or polymeric organic compound which contains chlorine, bromine or iodone and, when heated with these tetracenes, forms a radical cation salt, or of anhydrous CuCl.sub.2, a CuCl.sub.2 aquo complex or a CuCl.sub.2 solvent complex, and (C3) of a thermoplastic polymer or at least one starting compound for a thermosetting polymer, in an inert solvent, and subsequently evaporating the solvent, which process comprises applying said layer by spraying the suspension a) or solution b) from nozzles on to the substrate. Very fine meshed, dense and isotropic crystal needle networks are obtained. The coatings exhibit rapid surface discharges and are suitable for use as electostatic coatings or, on account of their good electrical conductivities, as electrode material for display elements.

20 Claims, 0 Drawing figures

Exemplary Claim Number: 1

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (15):

44.18 mg of tetraselenotetracene and 3 g of a polyether of a diglycidyl ether of bisphenol A and bisphenol A are dissolved at 150.degree. C. in 48 g of N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP). After about 45 minutes, 400 .mu.l of a solution of NMP containing 1% of trimethylammonium hydrochloride and 2% of water are added, followed by the addition of 300 .mu.l of a solution of H.sub.2 O.sub.2 in NMP/water (9:1). The mixture is sprayed on to a glass plate (spray conditions: (two-fluid steel nozzle, propellant gas argon, distance of nozzle

from glassplate c. 20 cm, spraying rate 4 cm/s). The solvent is evaporated at 100.degree. C. to leave a 5 .mu.m layer containing a dense needle network of conductive crystal needles of (tetraselenotetracene).sub.2 Cl in a polyether matrix. The conductivity is 1 S/cm. The layer bonds excellently to the glass substrate.

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TITLE:

Stacked electrical circuit having an improved

interconnect and alignment system

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#### ABSTRACT:

A three-dimensional stacked electrical circuit assembly that uses spherical or cylindrical metallic contacts that are surface mounted to input and output pads of circuit substrates that contact recessed wire button contacts disposed in cavities formed in a nonmetallic spacer disposed between the substrates. Each metallic contact fits into a through hole in the spacer and makes contact with a separate wire button contact in the through hole of the spacer. The metallic contacts are recessed within the spacer and are protected from contamination and handling damage. Back-to-back spacers may be employed that use plungers to make contact between wire button contacts disposed therein. The wire button contacts are recessed in the through holes, which provides for an interconnect system having low contact resistance, high current capacity, low contact force, and the ability to customize the shape of the spacer. The present invention aligns stacked circuit assemblies and eliminates the need for through holes, maximizes internal routing area, and reduces cost.

15 Claims, 7 Drawing figures

Exemplary Claim Number: 1

Number of Drawing Sheets: 4

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (3):

FIG. 2 shows a second portion of the three-dimensional stacked interconnect circuit assembly 10 comprising a nonmetallic spacer 15 containing recessed wire button contacts 17 in accordance with the present invention. The wire button contacts 17 are available from connector manufacturers, such as Cinch Connector Division and Technic, for example. The nonmetallic spacer 15 may be made of a material such as plastic polymer, for example, or other suitable nonmetallic material. There are no particular limitations regarding the material from which the nonmetallic spacer 15 is made.

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TITLE:

Method of fabricating an interconnection cable

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#### ABSTRACT:

A flexible connector cable for providing high density and reliable electrical interconnections between printed circuit boards or any other surfaces having conductive paths that need connection to conductive paths on adjacent surfaces. The connector cable comprises a flat flexible laminar structure including an electrically-insulative layer and an electrically-conductive layer. The insulative layer is typically formed on a bonded plastic such as Polyimide and the conductive layer is typically formed of copper. Openings are formed in the insulative layer to expose the conductive layer and raised contacts or buttons are deposited on the conductive layer on both surfaces of the cable. The raised contacts are formed of ductile conductive material which exhibits plastic deformation under pressure to form good electrical connections.

2 Claims, 7 Drawing figures

Exemplary Claim Number:

Number of Drawing Sheets:

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#### Abstract Text - ABTX (1):

A flexible connector cable for providing high density and reliable electrical interconnections between printed circuit boards or any other surfaces having conductive paths that need connection to conductive paths on adjacent surfaces. The connector cable comprises a flat flexible laminar structure including an electrically-insulative layer and an electrically-conductive layer. The insulative layer is typically formed on a bonded plastic such as Polyimide and the conductive layer is typically formed of copper. Openings are formed in the insulative layer to expose the conductive layer and raised contacts or buttons are deposited on the conductive layer on both surfaces of the cable. The raised contacts are formed of ductile conductive material which exhibits plastic deformation under pressure to form good electrical connections.

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TITLE:

Dendrite for soldering material of electronic package - has coating material layered on surface of dendrite under

which projects filament

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BASIC-ABSTRACT:

The dendrite is formed at a centre when a soldering material is applied on a specific surface e.g. a printed circuit board. A filament projects from under the dendrite on whose surface a coating material is layered.

ADVANTAGE - Utilises electrically conductive crystal grains as coating material of dendrite.

ABSTRACTED-PUB-NO: US 5958590A

EQUIVALENT-ABSTRACTS:

The dendrite is formed at a centre when a soldering material is applied on a specific surface e.g. a printed circuit board. A filament projects from under the dendrite on whose surface a coating material is layered.

ADVANTAGE - Utilises electrically conductive crystal grains as coating material of dendrite.

TITLE-TERMS: DENDRITE SOLDER MATERIAL ELECTRONIC PACKAGE COATING MATERIAL LAYER SURFACE DENDRITE PROJECT FILAMENT

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TITLE:

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Plastics semiconductor casing without electric wires - has several signal transmitting terminals protruding from

semiconductor chip

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#### BASIC-ABSTRACT:

Instead of chip connecting wires there are several protruding signal transmitting chip (11) terminals (13). On the latter are fitted plastics strips (15, 25) of the same width as the terminals. On one side of the top face of each terminal is applied an insulating, double-sided strip (16, 26) coupling each terminal to the semiconductor chip.

Several conductive contact <u>blobs</u> (18, 28) connect each terminal to the <u>semiconductor chip</u>. A preset section, containing the <u>semiconductor chip</u> and the terminals, is embedded in a casting region (14).

ADVANTAGE - Lightweight, thin and small structure and high packing density on a circuit board, with improved electric properties.

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TITLE:

Anisotropically electroconductive resin film

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#### ABSTRACT:

An isotropically electroconductive resin film material produced by sticking electroconductive particles to a sticking layer formed on a support and fixing therein, and filling a film-forming resin incompatible with the sticking material among the electroconductive particles, has electroconductivity only in the film thickness direction via the electroconductive particles uniformly dispersed in the plane direction, and is suitable for electrically connecting oppositely placed circuits and fine electrodes of a plurality of electronic parts, and for testing electronic parts.

15 Claims, 50 Drawing figures

Exemplary Claim Number: 1

Number of Drawing Sheets: 8

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#### Brief Summary Text - BSTX (3):

Miniaturization of electronic parts has entailed higher density and higher fineness of the circuits used therein. As the conventional solder or <a href="rubber connectors">rubber connectors</a> can hardly meet the connecting specifications of these fine <a href="circuits">circuits</a>, anisotropically electroconductive adhesives or connecting means made of a film are popularly used recently. In these methods, a layer of electrical connecting means made of an insulating resin containing a specified amount of an electroconductive material is disposed between the opposing circuits and pressed, with heating if necessary, to set up electrical connection between the upper and lower circuits as well as electrical insulation between the adjoining circuits. It is also common practice to use insulating resin as an adhesive for making electrical connection between the opposing circuits and fixing thereof.

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#### EQUIVALENT-ABSTRACTS:

The casing has several chip signal transmitting leads (13) with detachable polyimide tape (15) with the same width as the leads is attached to the lower surface of leads. Insulating double-sided adhesive polyimide tape connected to the upper surface of the lead attaches to the semiconductor chip.

The electrical connection is made by a bump (18) and (28) on the upper surface of each lead which are made of solder or gold with a height of 20-50 microns. The insulating double sided adhesive tape (16) and (26) is made from a thermosetting tape with thickness of 70-150 microns.

ADVANTAGE - Bumps enable package to be lightened, thinned, miniaturised and densely surface-mounted on PCB, reduces deterioration of package due to wire bonding.

CHOSEN-DRAWING: Dwg.1A/4 Dwg.2a/4

TITLE-TERMS: PLASTICS SEMICONDUCTOR CASING ELECTRIC WIRE SIGNAL TRANSMIT

TERMINAL PROTRUDE SEMICONDUCTOR CHIP

DERWENT-CLASS: U11

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Electrical connecting device and electrical connecting

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#### ABSTRACT:

The present invention provides an electrical connecting member and an electrical connecting method for achieving electrical connection securely through conductive particles regardless of a slight unevenness of an object matter. An electrical connecting device (10) for electrically connecting an electrical connecting portion (5) of a first object to an electrical connecting portion (3) of a second object comprises an adhesive layer (6) disposed on the first object (4) and constituted of a plurality of conductive particles (7) and a binder (8) containing the plurality of the conductive particles (7) and a paste (9) having a fluidity and disposed on the film-like adhesive layer (6).

11 Claims, 14 Drawing figures

Exemplary Claim Number: 1

Number of Drawing Sheets: 5

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#### Brief Summary Text - BSTX (7):

With recent smaller sized and decreased thickness of electronic parts, circuits for use therein have been denser and more precise, so that connection of such an electronic part to a fine electrode is difficult with conventional soldering method, <u>rubber connector</u> or the like. Therefore, adhesive agent and film material (hereinafter referred to as connecting member) having anisotropy excellent in fine pitching and conductivity have been often used.

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#### ABSTRACT:

A fine-pitch flexible electrical connector includes a plurality of generally parallel metal conductors in a matrix of a molecularly flexible dielectric adhesive, and may be made in various sizes and thicknesses so as to be utilized as a connector, jumper, test membrane, interposer or other electrical connection structure providing connection between two or more electronic devices and/or substrates. The connector is made by providing a number of metal conductors disposed in relation to the dielectric adhesive, such as by lamination or aggregation, and then separating individual connectors therefrom by cutting, slicing and/or otherwise separating transversely to the longitudinal direction of the conductors.

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Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (3):

[0004] Typical conventional compressible connectors are made using a silicone rubber dielectric matrix having conductors therein provided by compatible silicone rubber that is filled with carbon, silver, gold or other conductive material. The use of silicone rubber for both dielectric and conductors provides for proper bonding therebetween for mechanical strength. A thickness along the direction of electrical conduction of about 1 mm (about 40 mils) is typical, and such silicone rubber connectors are available from several suppliers, such a ZEBRA.RTM. elastomeric connectors from Fujipoly (Internet URL www.fujipoly.com) and Z-axis Connector Company (Internet URL www.z-axiscc.com).

Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (4):

[0005] Although the silicone rubber elastomeric connectors may be "ideal" for some applications, the silicone rubber presents certain drawbacks and disadvantages. For example, uncured silicone rubber, e.g., silicone molecules, may leach out or otherwise come to be disposed upon electrical contacts and contact pads, thereby to caus problems in soldering, bonding or otherwise making reliable electrical connection thereto. A further disadvantage is that mechanical fasteners and/or clamps are necessary to make electrical connection to such silicone rubber connectors, which increases the cost of the use thereof both with respect to the cost of the connector and of the labor necessary to utilize it, but allows replacement and rework.

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Electrical connecting device and electrical connecting

method

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#### ABSTRACT:

The present invention provides an electrical connecting member and an electrical connecting method for achieving electrical connection securely through conductive particles regardless of a slight unevenness of an object matter. An electrical connecting device (10) for electrically connecting an electrical connecting portion (5) of a first object to an electrical connecting portion (3) of a second object comprises an adhesive layer (6) disposed on the first object (4) and constituted of a plurality of conductive particles (7) and a binder (8) containing the plurality of the conductive particles (7) and a paste (9) having a fluidity and disposed on the film-like adhesive layer (6).

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Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (5):

[0004] With recent smaller sized and decreased thickness of electronic parts, circuits for use therein have been denser and more precise, so that connection of such an electronic part to a fine electrode is difficult with conventional soldering method, rubber connector or the like. Therefore, adhesive agent and film material (hereinafter referred to as connecting member) having anisotropy excellent in fine pitching and conductivity have been often used.

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#### ABSTRACT:

US-CL-CURRENT:

The present invention is to provide an electrical connection material through which an electrical connection via conductive particles can be performed reliably regardless of a little unevenness of an object. The electrical connection material is an electrical connection material 100 for electrically connecting an electrical connection portion of a first object 4 and an electrical connection portion of a second object 2. The electrical connection material 100 comprises a first film-like adhesive layer 6 which is a film-like adhesive layer arranged on the first object 4 and is composed of a plurality of conductive particles 7, a first binder 8 containing the conductive particles 7, and a first filler F1 and a second film-like adhesive layer 9 which is arranged on the first film-like adhesive layer 6 and is composed of a second binder 9A whose viscosity is lower than that of the first binder 8 and a second filler F2.

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Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (5):

[0003] For the connection between an electronic component and a fine electrode, since conventional solder or a rubber connector or the like does not deal with such connection well, an adhesive agent or a film-like material (hereafter, referred to as a connection member) which is anisotropic, excellent in a fine pitch and has conductivity has been employed frequently.

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5822030 A

TITLE: Liquid crystal display device, its mounting structure

and electronic device

DATE-ISSUED: October 13, 1998

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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US-CL-CURRENT: 349/149

#### ABSTRACT:

Liquid crystal display device wherein, in addition to the semiconductor chip for liquid crystal drive, a liquid crystal drive circuit or all or some of the other electronic components required for the liquid crystal display control circuit are mounted on one circuit board made from regular hard substrate materials, and the output terminals of said circuit board are connected directly to the liquid crystal cell using an anisotropic conductive film or other known means. The input terminals of the circuit board are connected directly to the terminals of the main unit substrate of the electronic device wherein the liquid crystal display device is installed via a flexible cable, a rubber connector made from conductive rubber or an anisotropic conductive film, or by solder or adhesive. The liquid crystal display device can be secured in place by sandwiching it between the case of the electronic device and the main unit substrate attached to it, in which case the rubber connector between the input terminals of the circuit board and the terminals of the main unit substrate is retained in a compressed state.

26 Claims, 20 Drawing figures

Exemplary Claim Number: 1

Number of Drawing Sheets: 12

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TITLE:

Multi chip module with conductive adhesive layer

DATE-ISSUED:

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US-CL-CURRENT: 257/783, 257/782 , 257/E21.503 , 257/E21.511 , 257/E21.514

, 257/E23.004

#### ABSTRACT:

A method for forming a chip module such as a multi chip module or a memory module is provided. The multi chip module includes a substrate configured to mount a plurality of semiconductor dice thereon. The substrate includes raised contact members formed in patterns that correspond to the locations of bond pads on the dice. An anisotropic conductive adhesive layer is formed between the contact members on the substrate and the bond pads on the dice to secure the dice to the substrate and form an electrical connection therebetween. In addition, an underfill layer can be formed between the dice and substrate to fill the gap therebetween and further secure the dice to the substrate. Conductors and input/output pads formed on the substrate form electrical paths to and from the contact members. To form a memory module, one or more multi chip modules can be mounted to a supporting substrate having an edge connector in electrical communication with the conductors and with contact members on the substrates.

26 Claims, 15 Drawing figures

Exemplary Claim Number: 1

Number of Drawing Sheets: 5

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PAT-NO: JP361004255A

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: JP 61004255 A

TITLE: PACKAGE FOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

PUBN-DATE: January 10, 1986

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: JP59124460

APPL-DATE: June 19, 1984

INT-CL (IPC): H01L023/36

US-CL-CURRENT: 99/516, 257/706 , 257/E23.09 , 257/E23.112

#### ABSTRACT:

PURPOSE: To improve heat conducting characteristics from an IC chip to a heat sink, by inserting heat connectors, in which heat conducting fiber is implanted in resilient sheets, between chip carriers and the heat sink under the compressed state.

constitution: Many chip carriers 3 are connected and arranged on a wiring substrate 1 through a solder bonding part 2. Heat connectors 5, in which heat conducting fiber is implanted in resilient sheets, are inserted between the chip carriers 3 and a heat sink 4 under the state the heat conducting fiber is compressed to the degree the fiber is bent. The heat conductor 5 is formed by embedding many beryllium copper thin wires 18, which are the conducting fiber, in silicone rubber 17, which is a relatively soft insulating material. The connector form an excellent heat conducting path between a chip carrier cap 16 and the heat sink 4. Since the heat sink 4 and the chip carriers 3 are not fixed, stress of expansion and contraction due to temperature difference is not applied between the chip carriers 3 and the wiring substrate 1. Therefore, the connection of the chip carriers 3 and the wiring substrate 1 can be ensured.

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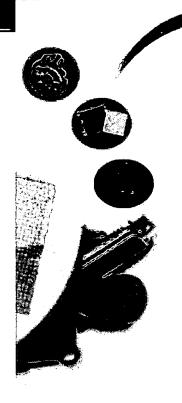
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Here are some guidelines to follow when layingh out your PCB, flex circuit, c

#### .020" dia. button

Characteristics	Button Only	Button / Plunger	Plunger / Button / Plunger	Button / Spacer / Button
Pad Size (min. dia.)	.030"	.030"	.020"	.030"
Minimum Center Spacing	1mm	.050"	.050"	.050"
Circuit Resistant (milli-Ohms)	10-15	30-35	45-50	40-45
Inductance (nano-Henry)	<1	<1	<2	<1
Min. Compression Force/button	2 oz.	2 oz.	2 oz.	4 oz.
Current Carrying Capacity	1-3 A	1-3 A	1-3 A	1-3 A
Contact Travel	up to .010"	up to .010"	up to .010"	up to .020"

Pad Plating:

20μin. Au over 50μin. Ni if multiple cycles are ι

(flash Au for single mate)

In-pad vias:

< half the diameter of the button

.003 in./in. **PCB Flatness:** Pad true position: <.005"

#### Compression System Design

As stated before, CIN::APSE® is a solderless connector technology, which re compression to make contact between components. Therefore, design of a p compression system for the connector is very important. The compression sy into account the effects of the following: PCB thickness, connector thickness spacing of buttons, and flatness of the mating surfaces.

Use the common example listed below as a base of reference for your design

- For a .062" thick PCB mating to a .020" dia. button-only CIN::APSE® on .050" centers, you will need a locking device every 1.5 inches.
- If planarity cannot be of achieved, a stiffener plate must be attached to side of the PCB to limit substrate bow.
- The plate should be of suitable material and thickness to fit the applica

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#### Button Range\*

ø Available	ø 0.4mm	ø 0.5mm	ø 1mm
Pitch (mm)	0.8	1.27	2
Current carrying capacities	1A	3A	4A

#### Performance Characteristics \*

Characteristics	Button only	Button/ Plunger	Plunger/ Button/ Plunger
Contact resistance	<15 m <b>Ω</b>	<35 mΩ	<50 mΩ
Inductance	<1 nH	<1 nH	<2 nH
Current carrying capacity	3A	1.5A	1A

20000 MΩ 20000 MΩ 20000 MΩ Insulation resistance 600V 600V 600V Dielectric withstanding voltage 25000 cycles 25000 cycles 25000 cycles Duribility Vibration No cut off > 20 ns @ 55 g 10/2 kHz Shock No cut off > 20 ns @ 500 g/1 ms Temperature Range -55 to + 200 °C (LCP insulator) Industrial atmosphere 4 days, H<sub>2</sub>S, SO, 40 °C, 75% R.H. Up to 2 GHz High frequency capability Up to 20 GHz

Technical Advice for CIN::APSE interface, application guide\*

#### 1. PCB Layout:

#### 1.1 Alignment accuracy:

A ø 0.5 mm button requires at least a 0.84 mm ø pad A ø 1 mm button requires at least a 1.4 mm ø pad A plunger requires at least a 0.23 mm ø pad

#### 1.2 Pad material:

Contact area must be gold plated. A 0.76  $\mu m$  nickel is suggested if cycles are involved. For socket application or one time connections gold is sufficient.

#### 1.3 Pitch:

The minimum pitch between the contacts is 1mm with a  $\emptyset$  0.5 mm contact. Standard pitch is 1.27mm

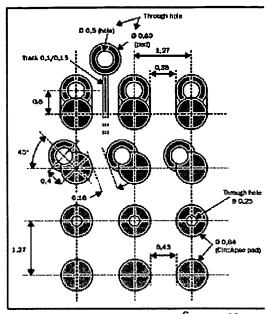
#### 1.4 Planarity:

- The CIN::APSE assembly force is 0.7 N to 1.7 N per position.
- The substrate should not go out of shape more than 0.1mm between
- With a 1.6mm thick PCB, a locking position is suggested at least each
- If the planarity cannot be acheived, a stiffner must be placed behind to
- If the substrate is coated, the coating should not be thicker than the paunder the button board.

#### 1.5 Vias:

Through holes should generally be placed out of the contact area.

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### Suggested layout

2. Button board thickness: The minimum standard is 0.79 mm The thickness tolerance is  $\pm$  0.03 mm for a component interface and  $\pm$  0.05 r stacking connector.

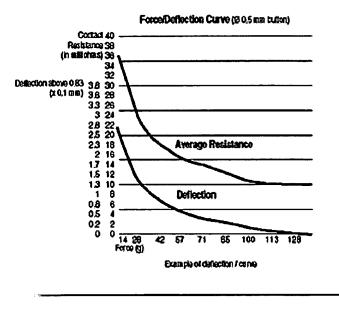
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Contact Resistance Insulation Dielectric Withstanding Voltage	meth 3002.1 meth 3003.1 meth 3001.1	20mv, 100 mA U_100 Vcc 1 min Under 600Veff 1 min.	Rc<15m <b>Ω</b> RI>20000 M <b>Ω</b> U>600 V RMS	Rc<25mm <b>Ω</b> RI>20000 Mm <b>Ω</b> U>600 V RMS	Rc<55m <u>\$</u> RI>20000 U>600 V	
Maintenance Ageing	meth.2016	25000 cycles + 96 Hours Salt spray	No significant resistance modification	No significant resistance modification		
Sinus Vibration	meth. 2005.1	Condition 3.20 G from 5 to 2000 Hz, 3 cycles of 20 min/axe	No cut off>20ns No resistance Change	No cut off>20ns No resistance Change	No cut of No resist:	
Random Vibration	meth. 2005.1	Condition 5. letter J. 1g/Hz 2000 Hz, 15 min/axe	No cut off>20ns No resistance Change	No cut off>20ns No resistance Change	No cut of No resist:	
Mechanical Shocks	meth. 2004.1	Condition C. 500 cycles 500g, 1 ms 3 shocks 6 directions	No cut off>20ns No resistance Change	No cut off>20ns No resistance Change	No cut of No resist:	
Thermal life	meth. 1005.1	Condition 5, 125" C 3A 1000H	Ri>16000 MΩ100VDC	Ri>16000 MΩ100VDC	Ri>16000	
Sall Spray	meth. 1001.1	Condition D, 35"/5% Na C1, 96H and 1000 H	No significant Resistance Modification	No significant Resistance Modification		

"Test performed on : Button Only : 227 ways Thickness: 0.8 mm - Plunger/Button : 9 ways Thickness 2 mm - Plunger/Button/Plunger : 249 ways Thickness 2 mm - Plunger/Button/Plunger : 249 ways Thickness 2 mm - Plunger/Button/Plunger : 249 ways Thickness 2 mm - Plunger/Button : 9 ways Thickness 2 mm - Plunger/Button : 249 ways Thickness 2 mm - Plunger/Button : 240 ways T

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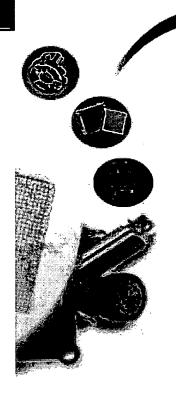
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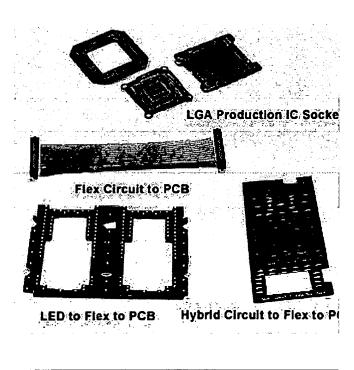
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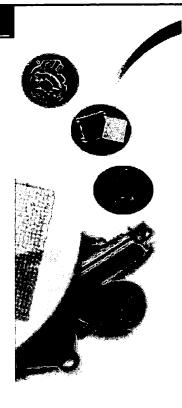
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CIN::APSE® is more than a connector; it's a versatile inter-connection t using our many different sizes of buttons, plungers and spacers we car almost limitless number of configurations. This flexibility means that w CIN::APSE® to meet your exact interconnect needs.



#### **Button Only**

This is the basic CIN::APSE® contact configuration suited for applications requiring minimum height, hi signal integrity. This configuration is used in LGA  $s_{\rm I}$ 



#### Plunger-Button

The addition of a gold plated brass plunger increasof the CIN::APSE® contact while also achieving ad This configuration is ideally suited for board-to-boar and those that require excessive handling.



Plunger-Button-Plunger

Adding a second plunger to the connector results ir durable and tallest system. This configuration is be both sides of the contact will see excessive handlin



#### **Button-Spacer-Button**

Using two buttons with a gold plated brass spacer i creates a connector with all the benefits of the butto but the ability to span greater z-axis heights. This c used where the button's multiple points of contact a

Connector Type	Mated Heigh
Button Only (.020" dia. button)	.032" to .050
Button Only (.040" dia. button)	.032" to .075
Plunger-Button	.078" to .50"
Plunger-Button-Plunger	.120" to 1.50
Button-Spacer-Button	.100" to 1.00

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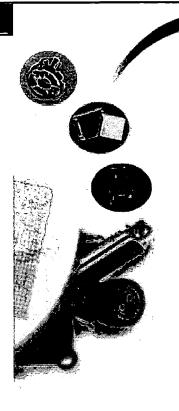


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CIN::APSE® is a solderless z-axis interconnect technology that offers e mechanical and electrical performance. CIN::APSE® is a proven techno pedigree of providing reliable solutions to some of the most demanding Custom made to meet your specific needs, CIN::APSE® utilizes a multiply that can be as small as .8mm in height, comes in 1mm centers, and can frequencies greater than 20 GHz.

The key to this high performance technology is the CIN::APSE® button-contacts are made by randomly winding gold plated molybdenum or tungster cylindrical button. The buttons are then loaded(stitched) into a custom molde configured to the exact requirements of the application. Cinch's patented how button-hole allows the button to float and, therefore, stay in contact even und Thermal Expansion(TCE) mismatch between mated substrates.

Unlike other z-axis technologies, such as elastomeric connectors, CIN::APSI a high modulus of elasticity which means they can be compressed thousand: without taking a compression set. CIN::APSE® buttons are also very lightwei thermally stable which makes them extremely resistant to intermittent signals shock/vibration or thermal cycling.

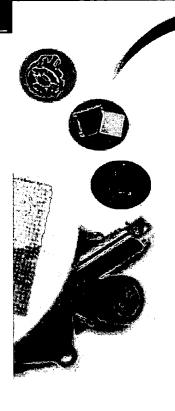
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## CIN::APSE MATERIALS

#### Materials

Contact Material: Molybdenum
CIN::APSE® Contact Plating: Gold
Plunger Material: Copper alloy
Plunger Plating: Gold
Insulator Material: Liquid crystal polymer
Packaging Tray Material: Anti-static ABS

#### Environmental

Button-Only Configuration with 0.020" (0.5 mm) diameter Temperature Life Testing: 1000 Hours @ 200°C Thermal Shock: 2000 Cycles @ -20°C to +85°C Humidity: 5000 Hours @ 30°C to 80°C, 85% RH Salt Spray: 96 Hours Low Temperature: Operates in liquid nitrogen (77°K) Bellcore TR-NWT-001217: Passed with plungers

#### Electrical

Button-Only Configuration with 0.020" (0.5 mm) diameter DC Resistance: 15 milliohm average Inductance: Less than 1 nH Current-Carrying Capability: 1-3 Amps Insulation Resistance: 25,000 Megohm @ 500 VDC Dielectric Withstanding Voltage: 900 VAC at sea level

#### Mechanical

Button-Only Configuration with 0.020" (0.5 mm) diameter

Durability: 25,000 Z-axis actuations (CIN::APSE® contact only)

Shock: 100 Gs; 6 milliseconds, no discontinuity greater than 2 nanoseconds

Vibration: 20 Gs; 10-20,000 Hz; no discontinuity greater than 2 nanoseconds

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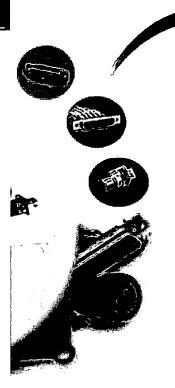
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Cinch Microminiature ™ connectors are designed for applications that r rugged, durable, and high-performance interconnect. Microminiature is connector for applications where weight and space must be kept to a m maintaining maximum reliability. Miniaturized airborne electronics and processing equipment, where shorter signal paths are needed, represent applications for these unique connectors.

The heart of the Microminiature system is the Microminiature pin contact. The Microminiature pin contact is made from a precision miniature spring cable were the expanded cable provides seven spring members peripherally around the contact is maintained with the mating socket wall no matter what radial force. This spring may be flexed many times without any evidence of metal fatigue, is further ensured by protecting the pin contact in a tightly toleranced recesses.

Cinch's family of Microminiature connectors includes MIL-C-83513 Series co with our own commercial equivalents. The commercial Microminiature producexpanded range of termination and hardware options for all-plastic and meta versions and right-angle and straight PC board mount "terminal blocks". Cinc packages the Microminiature contact in a very low profile plastic strip connec centers and in a line of high-density microminiature edge (Microedge) board meet the requirements of MIL-C-55302. Cinch has created a line of plastic at Microminiature connector savers for very high mating cycle applications such equipment.

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